



*The Swan 1953*





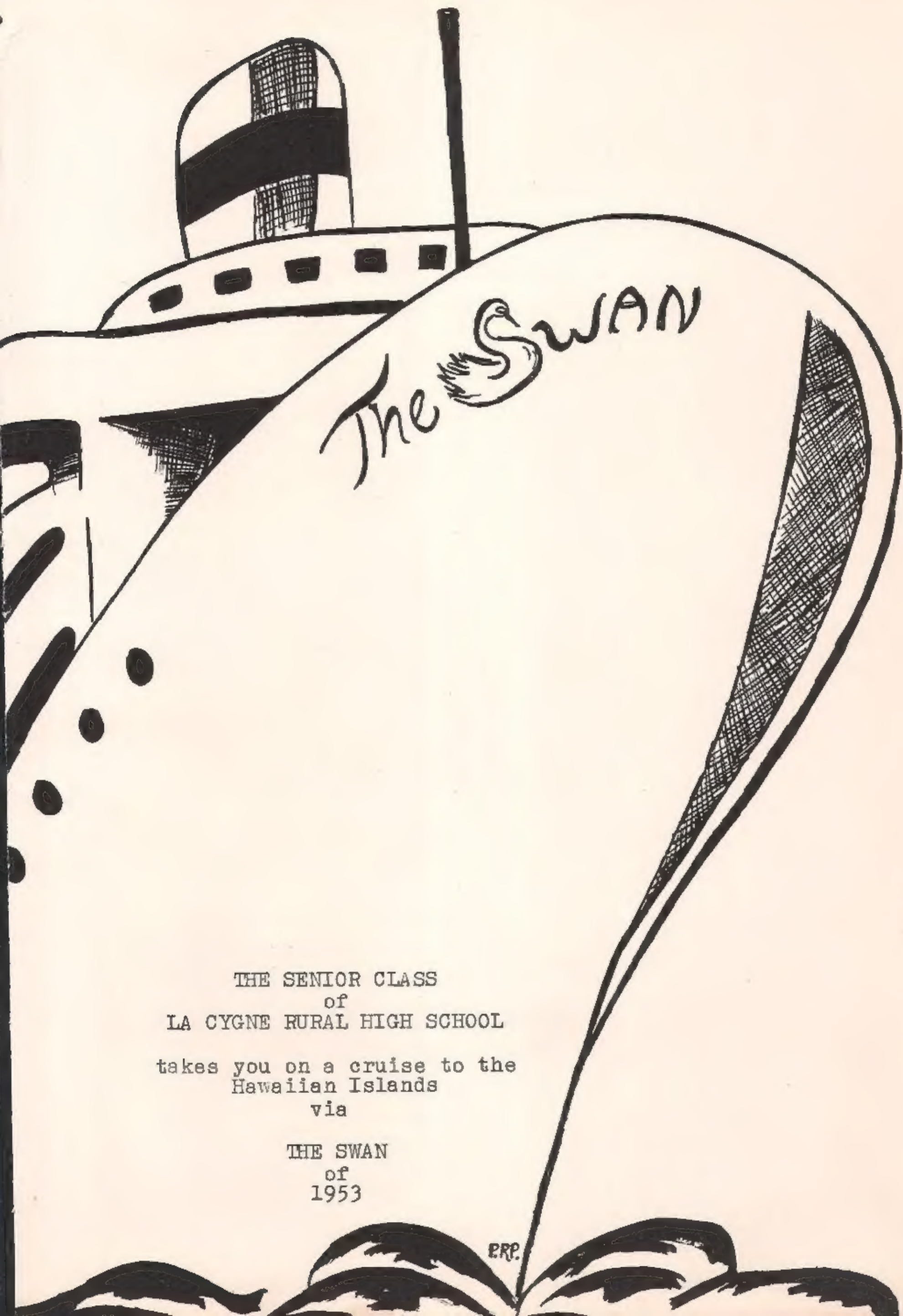










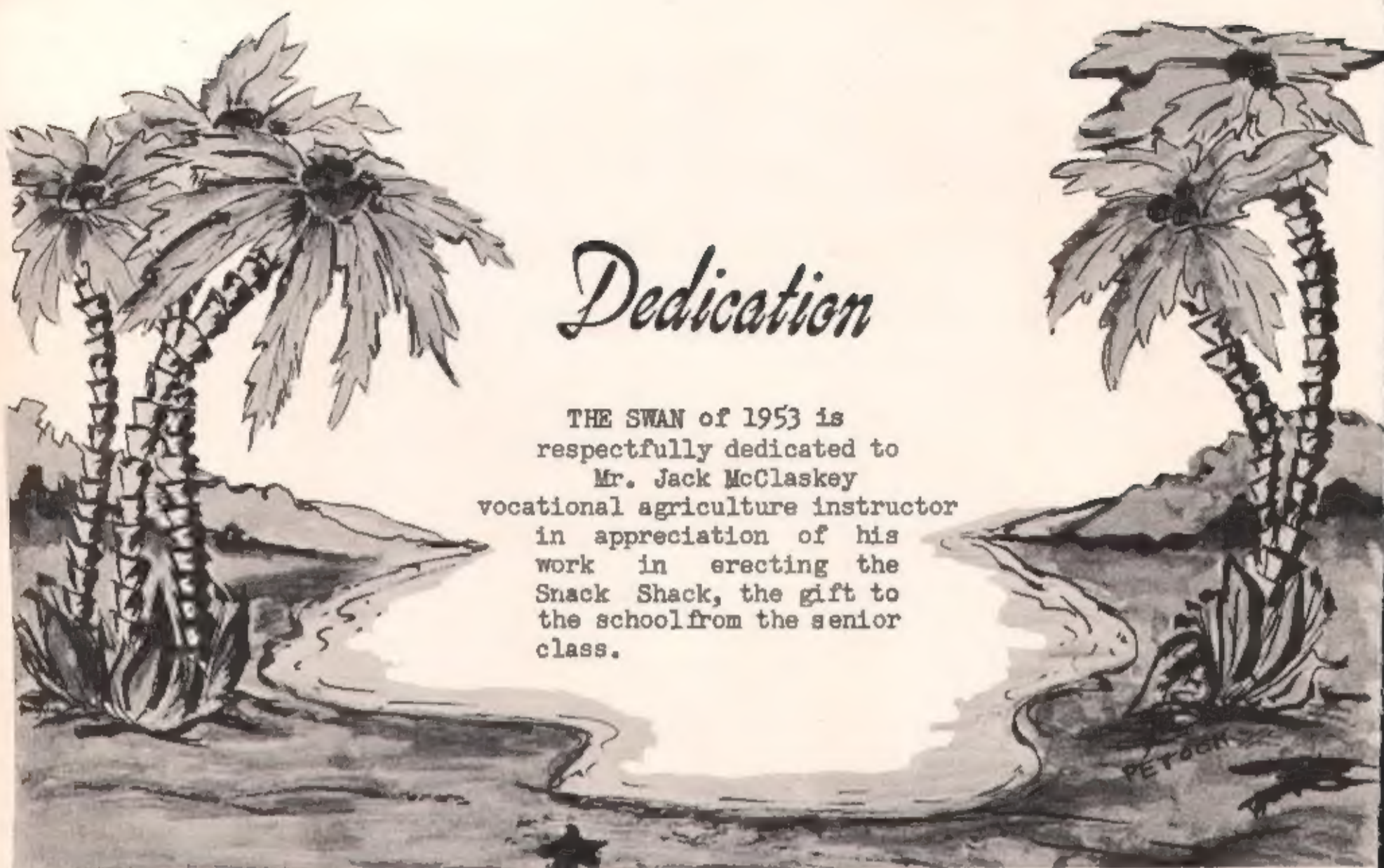


The SWAN

THE SENIOR CLASS  
of  
LA CYGNE RURAL HIGH SCHOOL  
takes you on a cruise to the  
Hawaiian Islands  
via

THE SWAN  
of  
1953

ERP.



THE SWAN of 1953 is  
respectfully dedicated to  
Mr. Jack McClaskey  
vocational agriculture instructor  
in appreciation of his  
work in erecting the  
Snack Shack, the gift to  
the school from the senior  
class.

## *Board of Education*

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# Faculty



Roy Handley  
Principal  
American History

Lois Irwin  
Music

Jack McClaskey  
Vocational Agriculture

Clara Handley  
Home Economics  
Biology

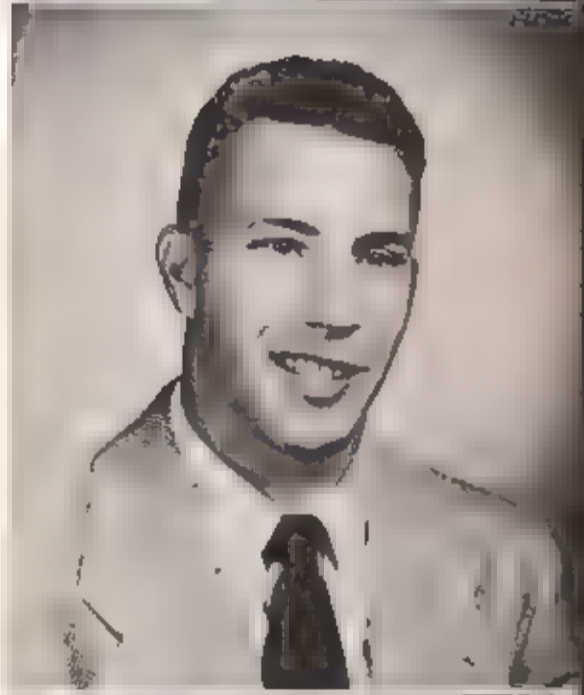
Dewey Pinkston  
Commerce

Robert Lawson  
Social Science  
General Science

Viva Roberts  
English

Wendell Frazell  
Industrial Arts  
Drivers Training  
Athletics

Louise Mitchell  
Mathematics

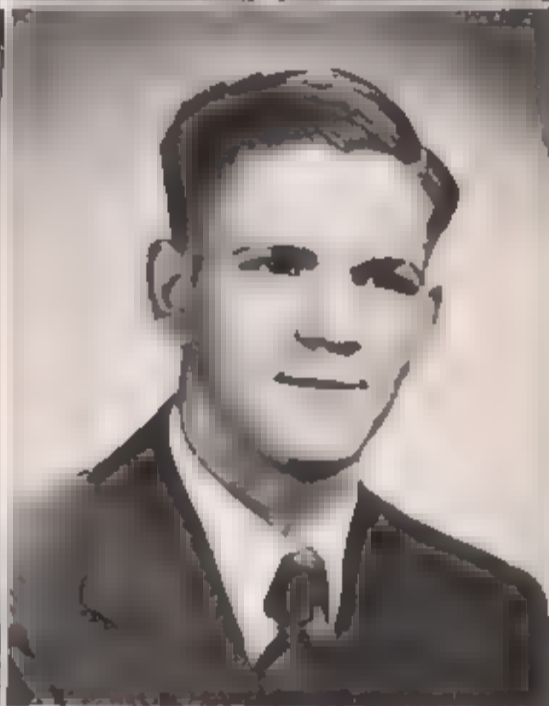




# *Senior*

GERALD STOKER  
President  
I'm tired of everything  
but girls.

KATHY GOMERDINGER  
Vice-president  
Five foot two--eyes of  
blue.



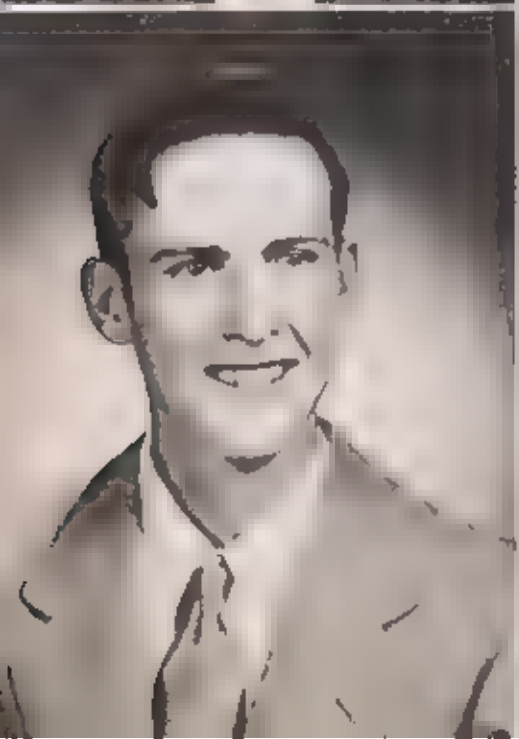
MARILYN VAIL  
Secretary  
Ah, sweet mystery of life!

LEE ARMSTRONG  
Treasurer  
Never an unnecessary word.



LOIS BLESSMAN  
Happy go lucky, carefree  
and gay--Let's just hope  
she stays that way.

DORIS JUNE BOND  
Oh, you're just saying that  
'cause its true!



ARNOLD DANIELS  
Look out! Here I come!

MARILYN ANN FRANK  
The sweet, silent, type.





WANDA LOU HAMMETT  
Beautiful, blond, but  
certainly not dumb!

EDDIE HAUGHEY  
Ornery? Me? Never!

BOB MONTEE  
I mind nobody's business  
better than my own.

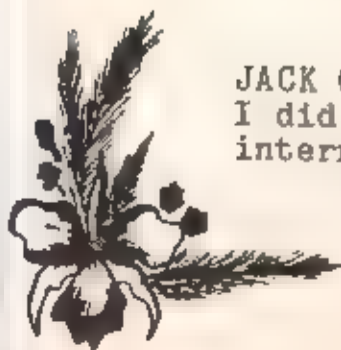
JUANITA KLAY  
Gifted with gab.

SUE LAMASTER  
If study interferes  
with a good time--  
leave out the study.

DAKLENE HOAGLAN  
Who knows better than I?

MARY JANE NOEL  
I hold right above all  
else.

JACK O'BRIEN  
I did not understand your  
interrogation.

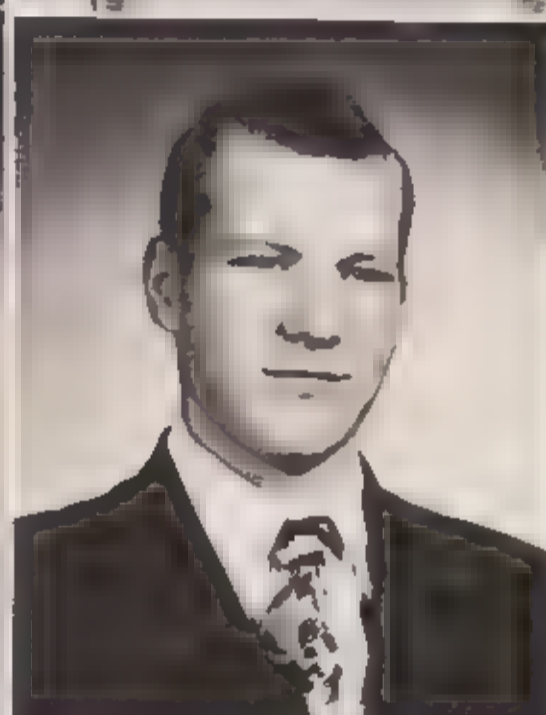




# *Seniors*

BILL PRATT  
Silence is golden.

PAT PETOCK  
Typically tops in talent.



CAROL LYNN PURVIS  
Anyway--too much good  
looks is just a handi-  
cap.

BOB STARK  
Never say die!



DICK PERKINS  
Perky little pal.

DONNA STAINBROOK  
I still cling to one.



NORMA JEAN WILSON  
I never worry.



Colors: Maroon and white  
Motto: Forward ever, back-  
ward never.  
Flower: White Carnation

# Juniors

Donald Hays  
Merle Beckman  
Jeannie Twogood  
Junior Clay

Flower--Yellow rose  
Colors--Yellow and blue  
Motto--  
The sky is the limit.

Duane Tracy  
Richard Butts  
Carolyn Wilhoit  
Loren Reynolds  
Susie Norton

Phyllis Maschler  
Joan Guthrie  
Lawrence Burbank  
Audrey Lehmer  
Paul Weidenmier

Ronald Hays-Pres.  
Donne Pease-V. Pres.  
Melvyn Scott-Sec.  
Sid Bullock-Treas.  
Dale Gomerding-Rep.



Glenna Bartles  
Roland Surbaugh  
Anita Sherman  
Edwin Benson  
Marilyn Stainbrook



Clayton Carothers  
Beulah Massey  
Kenny McClanahan  
Virginia Thomas  
James Shaffer



Robert McGee  
Vivian Hatch  
Willard Stevenin  
Joan Brockett  
Melvin Arnold



Leonard Burbank  
Anna Mae Newlan  
Frankie Noel  
Juanita Brown  
Christina Sullivan



Jerry Boswell  
Alice Maschler  
Donald Surbaugh

# Sophomores

Flower—Pink tea rose  
Colors—Blue and silver  
Motto—If we rest, we rust.



Sue Ross  
James Karr  
Leleta Miller  
Clayton Norten



Jackie Miller  
AvaLee Purvis  
Bob Gowing  
Mary McClanahan



Gene Bond—Pres.  
Mary Ann White—V. Pres.  
Martha Irwin—Sec.  
Larry Dan White—Treas.

Charles Weickert  
Bessie Outburth  
Ruth Royer  
Warren Capehart  
Nadine Pease



Ramona Trinkle  
Roy Geiger  
Virginia Hewitt  
Karen Boswell  
Rosie Arzberger

Norma Bigham  
Nadine Stark  
Shirley Boswell  
Eileen Hardisty  
Norma Jean Stevenin



Alice Sherman  
Daisy Showalter  
Jack Karr  
Lorene White  
Kenny Mooney



# *Freshmen*

Mary Stainbrook  
Carol Ann Long  
Robert Rookstool  
Loren Miller

Colors: Royal Blue and White  
Motto: Don't just itch for success;  
scratch for it.

Flower: Yellow rose.

Joan Harold  
Russell Drake  
Rosetta Carter  
Joan McGinnis

Elden Terry  
Virginia Eversole  
Carl McClanahan  
Martha Arnold

Kay Pinkston--Pres.  
Delores Mosler--V. Pres.  
Thurman Miller--Sec.  
Dorcas McClanahan--Treas.



Deanna Stark  
Kathy Shaffer  
Lawrence Lehmer  
Arlene Culter  
Bob Sherman

Carol Carothers  
Dee Seals  
Ruby Holman  
Dick Frank  
Marilyn Scott

Don Stewart  
Autry Shaffer  
Don Stainbrook  
Willa Dean Kerns  
Pearl Rhynerson

Eva Mae Reece  
Melvin Cole  
Gloria VanVlack  
Larry Coffin  
Connie Newlan  
Not shown:  
Bill Ross  
Bill Tivton

T.A.B.



The purpose of the Teen Age Book Club is to interest the students in better reading. The books selected for T. A. B. undergo the careful scrutiny of the Selection Committee and only the best copies are selected. Students buy the books at twenty-five cents each and receive bonus books.

This year under the direction of Mrs. Viva Roberts, officers, shown in the above picture, were elected from the English classes: Loren Reynolds, Avalee Purvis, Sue Ross, Mrs. Roberts, Joan Harold, Marilyn Scott, Pearl Rhynerson, Delores Mosler, Susie Norton, and Beulah Massey.

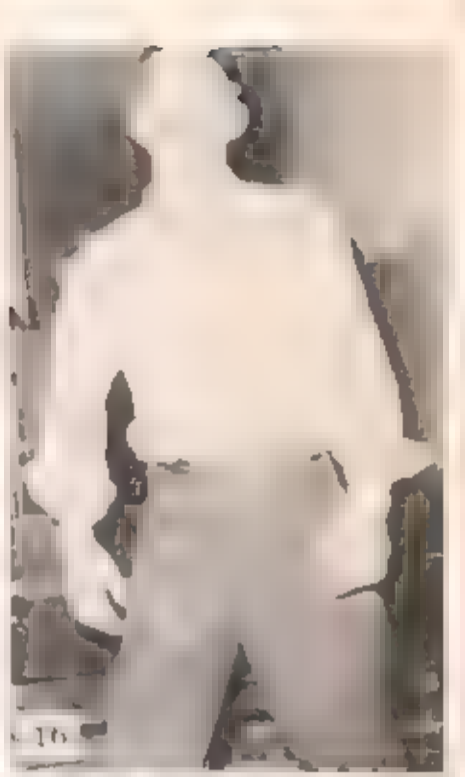
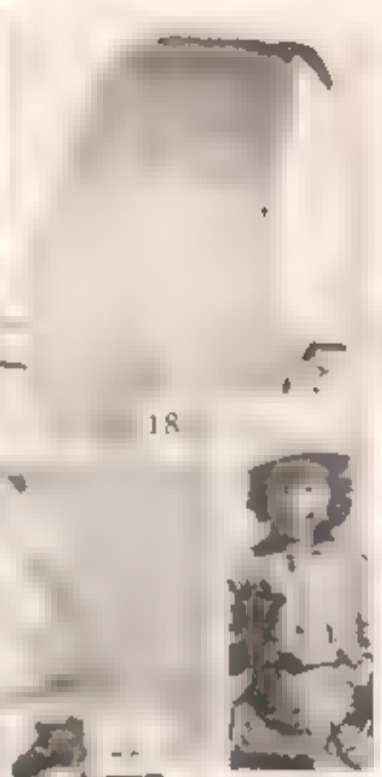
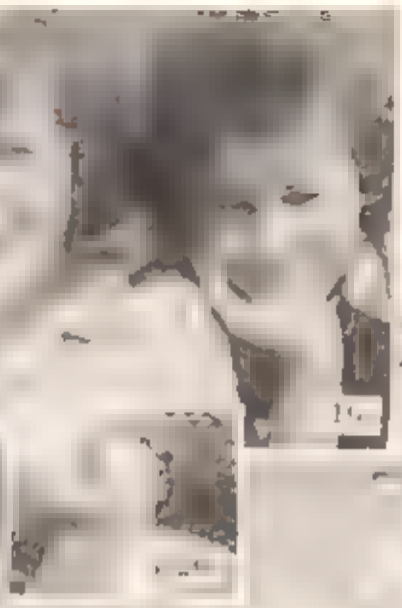
Kathy Gomerding was elected president of the Student Council which is composed of two representatives chosen by each class. Mr. Handley is the sponsor of this organization, which helps plan all-student affairs such as assemblies, parties, and Homecoming activities. The members attended a Student Council conference in Lawrence in October.

In the picture are: Larry White, Mr. Handley, Jack O'Brien, Carol Purvis, Marilyn Scott, Kathy Gomerding, Loren Reynolds, Martha Irwin, and Beulah Massey. Another member, Thurman Miller, is not shown.

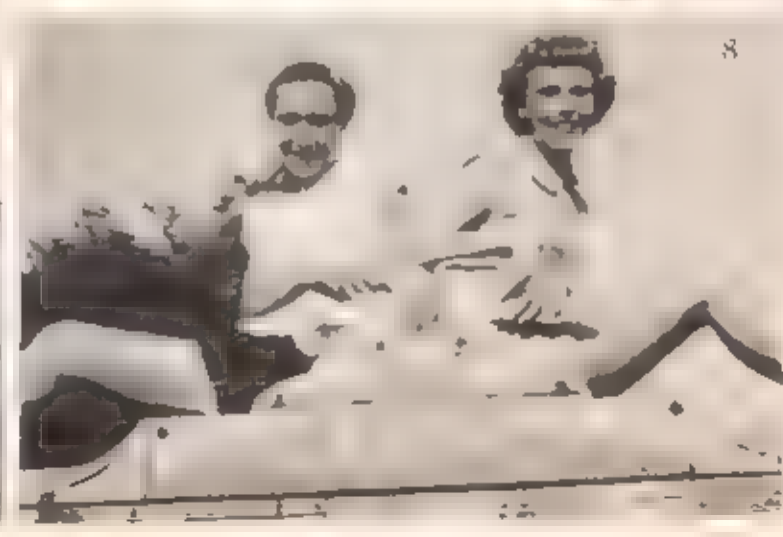
Student

Council





1. School party.
2. Senior slumber party.
3. Babe in the woods.
4. Tonsils.
5. "So what? Its just my wife!"
6. What's this world coming to?
7. Lost????
8. War heroes??
9. Always laughing.
10. Three musketeers.
11. Where are we going?
12. WOW!!!
13. Say cheese.
14. Settin' on a thorn.
15. Interested.
16. Wha' hoppin'??
17. Dale Evans.
18. Bottoms up!
19. Hay seeds.
20. Just Mary Jane.
21. Sunning.
22. Oh, these juniors!



*Choral*



*Music*

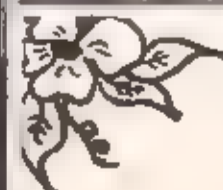
The music department under the instruction of Mrs. Lois Irwin was always hard at work preparing a program or working on special numbers for other school affairs.

A cantata, "Child Jesus", was presented by the glee clubs in December. The audience watched the pantomime on the stage as they listened to the story of Christmas as sung by the chorus in the balcony.

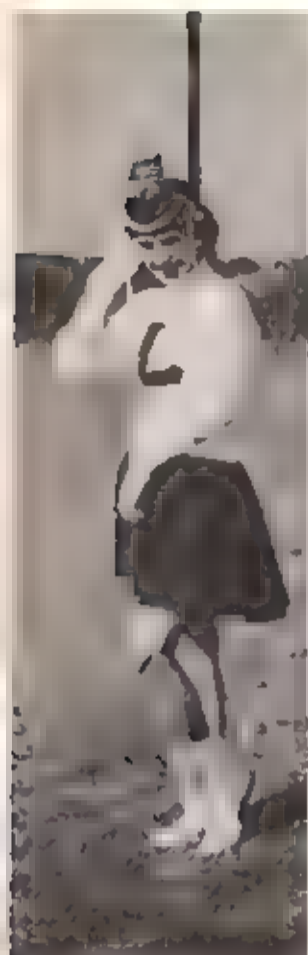
La Cygne was host to the choral music groups of the county on March 20. In an afternoon session Otis J. Mumaw of K. S. T. C., Pittsburg, gave constructive criticism and instruction to each group. In the evening, selected numbers from each school were presented in a program which featured the massed glee clubs of the six schools.

Participation in the District Music Festival at Pittsburg on April 10 and 11 was the climax for the hours of practice by the soloists, quartets, and ensembles, pictured on these pages. Those who received top ratings entered the state music contest in Emporia.

The picture at the top of the page shows the girls' glee club of 50 members with Sue Ross as accompanist. Below is the boys' glee club of 13 with Carolyn Wilhoit as accompanist. Also pictured are the soloists who entered the festival in Pittsburg; Gerald Stoker, Donne Pease, Jackie Miller, Kay Pinkston, Sue LeMaster, Sue Ross, Avelee Purvis, and Mertha Irwin.







La Cygne's school band, directed by Mrs. Lois Irwin, increased in personnel this year. With the addition of four high school twirlers, a drum corps, and a majorette the band, already skilled in marching, made an attractive appearance. After tryouts the twirlers chosen were Alice Sherman, Ruth Royer (shown above), Dorcas McClanahan, and Eileen Hardisty (below). Norser Smith and Ruth Ann Pease were the twirlers from grade school. Martha Irwin, Christine Sullivan, Avalee Purvis, Kay Pinkston, and Clayton Norton were the drummers. Linda Ross, a copy in miniature of her drum major sister, Sue Ross, marched with the band.

With music and marching maneuvers, the band provided entertainment at halftime for all home football games. At the homecoming game 22 grade school twirlers, shown in the picture below, performed a drill with the band.

In October the band took part in the parade and other homecoming activities for K.S.T.C. in Pittsburg. A county clinic was held in Mound City on March 27 with Randolph Foster of K.S.T.C. as critic and instructor. In the evening he directed the combined bands of the six schools in a concert. Sue La Master played a trombone solo for this program. In April the band entered the District Music Festival in Pittsburg. The German Band, pictured on page 16, played on many occasions.

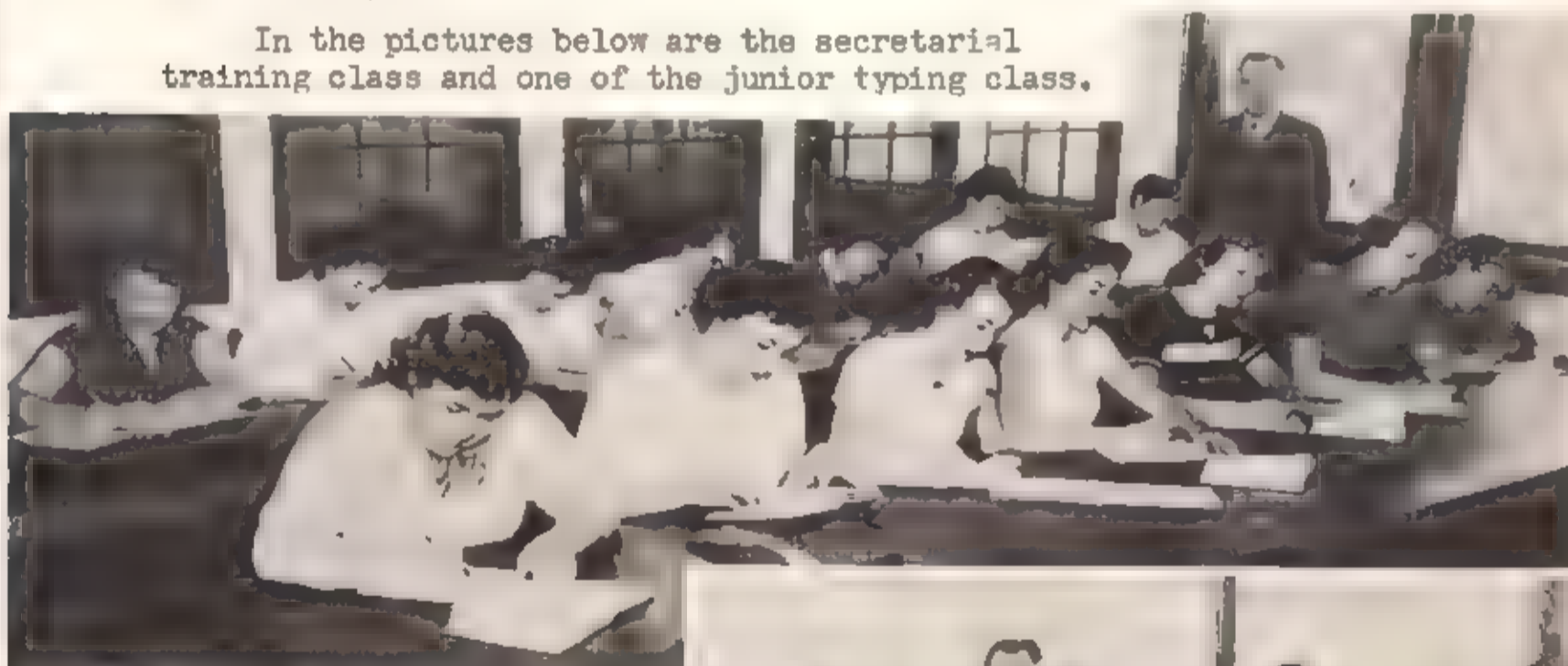
## Band





The Order of Business Efficiency Club, in its third year at La Cygne, continued its activities under the direction of Mr. Pinkston, instructor in the commerce department. Officers elected were Lois Blessman, president; Dick Perkins, vice-president; Beulah Massey, secretary; and Carol Purvis, treasurer. The club is open to juniors and seniors who maintain an average of B plus each six weeks in secretarial training, shorthand, typing, and bookkeeping.

In the pictures below are the secretarial training class and one of the junior typing class.



F.  
H.  
A.



The Future Homemakers of America is an organization of girls who are studying, or have studied, home economics. The La Cygne Chapter, with Mrs. Handley as advisor and Mrs. Ross, Mrs. Purvis, and Mrs. Pease as the chapter mothers, has 62 members. The officers elected were Darlene Hoaglan, president; Mary Jane Noel, vice-president; Kathy Comerding, secretary; Beulah Massey, treasurer; Glenna Bartles, reporter; Donna Stainbrook, parliamentarian; Carolyn Wilhoit, historian; AvaLee Purvis and Martha Irwin, song leaders, and Sue Ross and Virginia Thomas, pianists.

Some of the activities of the F. H. A. this year were a weiner roast with the F. F. A. boys, observance of National F. H. A. Week, a tea for the members mothers, the District meeting in Kansas City, Kansas, a Valentine party, a Style Review, a Food Sale, a meeting in honor of the seniors, and attendance at the Delegate Assembly and State Convention.

The La Cygne Chapter was honored to have Jeannie Twogood elected to serve as district historian during this year. Jeannie Twogood and AvaLee Purvis both had their names placed in nomination for offices at the delegate assembly. Seven girls worked to attain their state degrees which are awarded at the State Convention each spring. Glenna Bartles, Jeannie Twogood, Virginia Thomas, Juanita Brown, Beulah Massey, Carolyn Wilhoit, and Vivian Hatch did the work required for these degrees.

The German Band, pictured below, was organized in 1951-1952 with Mrs. Irwin and Mrs. Handley as sponsors. This year it has performed at the District Convention in Kansas City, Kansas, at the Junior play, and at the State Convention in Topeka. The automobile was designed by Pat Petock, standing at the right in the picture. The members of the band are Christina Sullivan, Willadean Kerns, Sue Ross, Sue LaMaster, and Carolyn Wilhoit.



Home Ec



The class of freshmen girls above are sewing on their aprons which they wore during their foods classes.

The sophomore girls are shown at work in the kitchen. The small picture shows their guests at a luncheon for pre-school children.

In the picture below, the junior girls are at work on their woolen dresses.



F.  
F.  
A.



#### OFFICERS



President-----Jack O'Brien  
 Vice-President--Eddie Haughey  
 Secretary-----Dale Gomerding  
 Treasurer-----Robert McGee  
 Reporter-----Gerald Stoker  
 Sentinel-----Merle Beckman  
 Adviser-----Mr. Jack McClaskey



The La Cygne chapter of the Future Farmers of America was comprised of thirty-eight members this year. To be a member of the F. F. A. a student must be regularly enrolled in vocational agriculture classes and must maintain a project at home.

The highlight of the F. F. A. work was their Annual Parent and Son banquet held this year on December 11 to eliminate conflicts with the many spring activities. County Agent Bruce McLaury was the principal speaker. Honorary membership was awarded to Mr. George Harper for his assistance to the chapter. Initiation for ten greenhands was part of the program. Open house in the ag building followed.

Other activities of the chapter included a pest eradication contest, a paper drive, attendance at the American Royal, and participation in judging contests.

Gerald Stoker was honored with an invitation to participate in the activities of the National F. F. A. chorus at the National F. F. A. convention held from October 10 to 17.

The senior F. F. A. boys are shown erecting a flagpole on the football field. This pole was presented to the school by the La Cygne post of the American Legion and was first used at the homecoming game.



# Vocational Agriculture



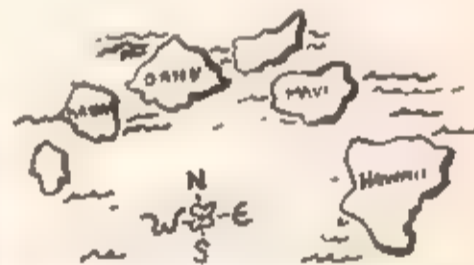
Enrolled in the four vocational agriculture classes were eleven freshmen, eight sophomores, fourteen juniors, and four seniors.

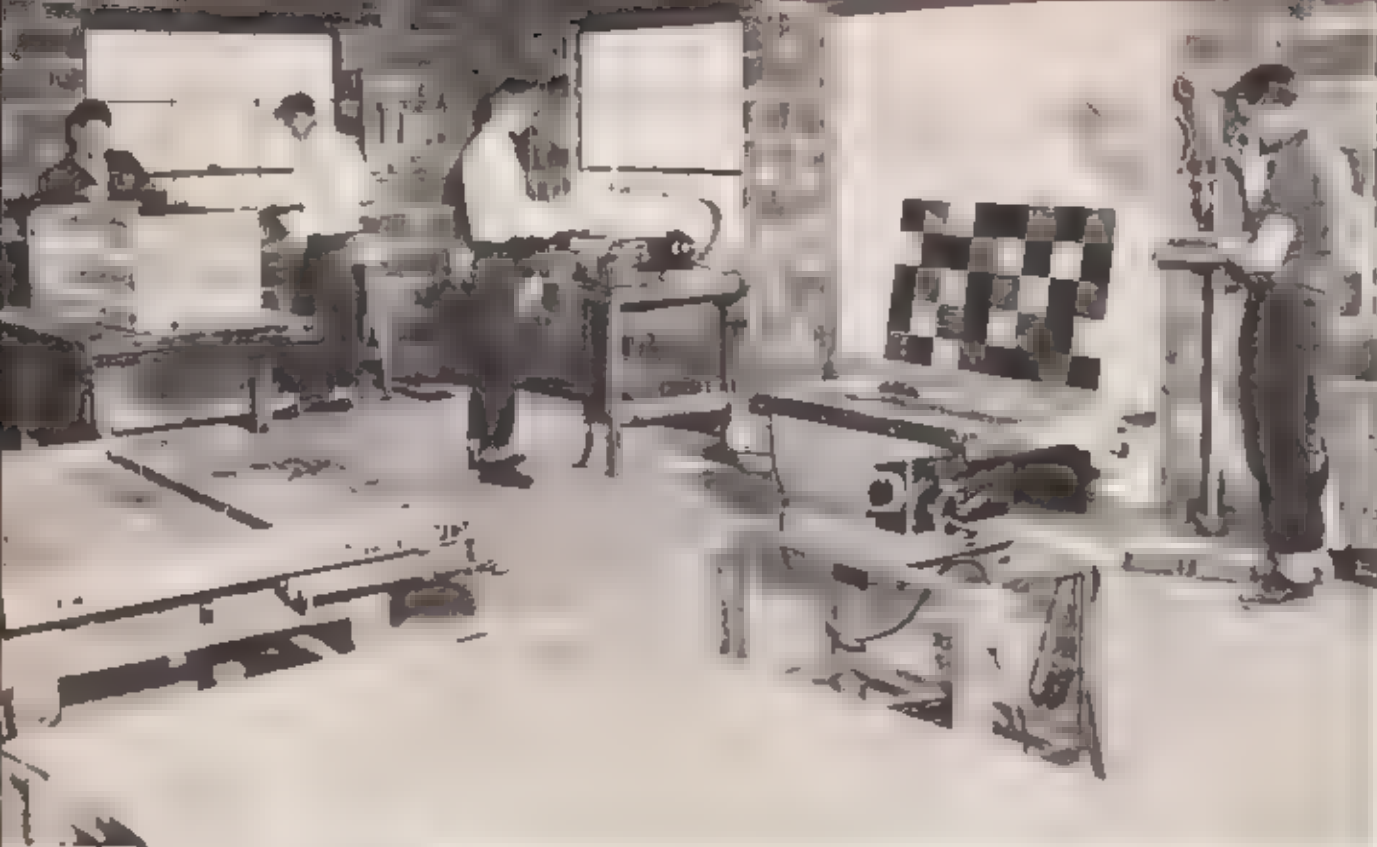
The freshmen developed basic skills in shop work including tool conditioning, welding, soldering, forging, carpentry, and sheet metal work.

The sophomores worked on general farm projects such as feeders, hay-racks, and loading shoots.

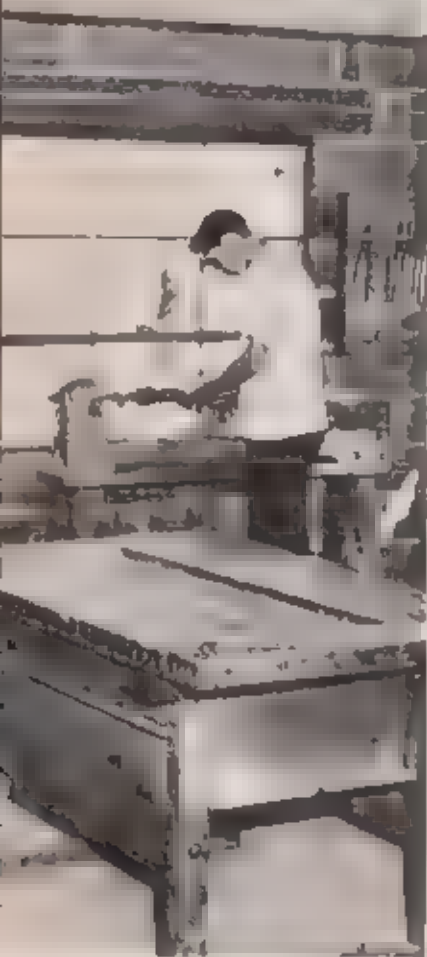
A project in the junior class was to completely recondition some farm machine.

A fourth class in agriculture for seniors was added to the curriculum this year. The senior boys prepared a farm plan which included a map of the farm, plans for soil conservation, crop rotation, and marketing of livestock and crops. This class also built the refreshment stand on the football field.





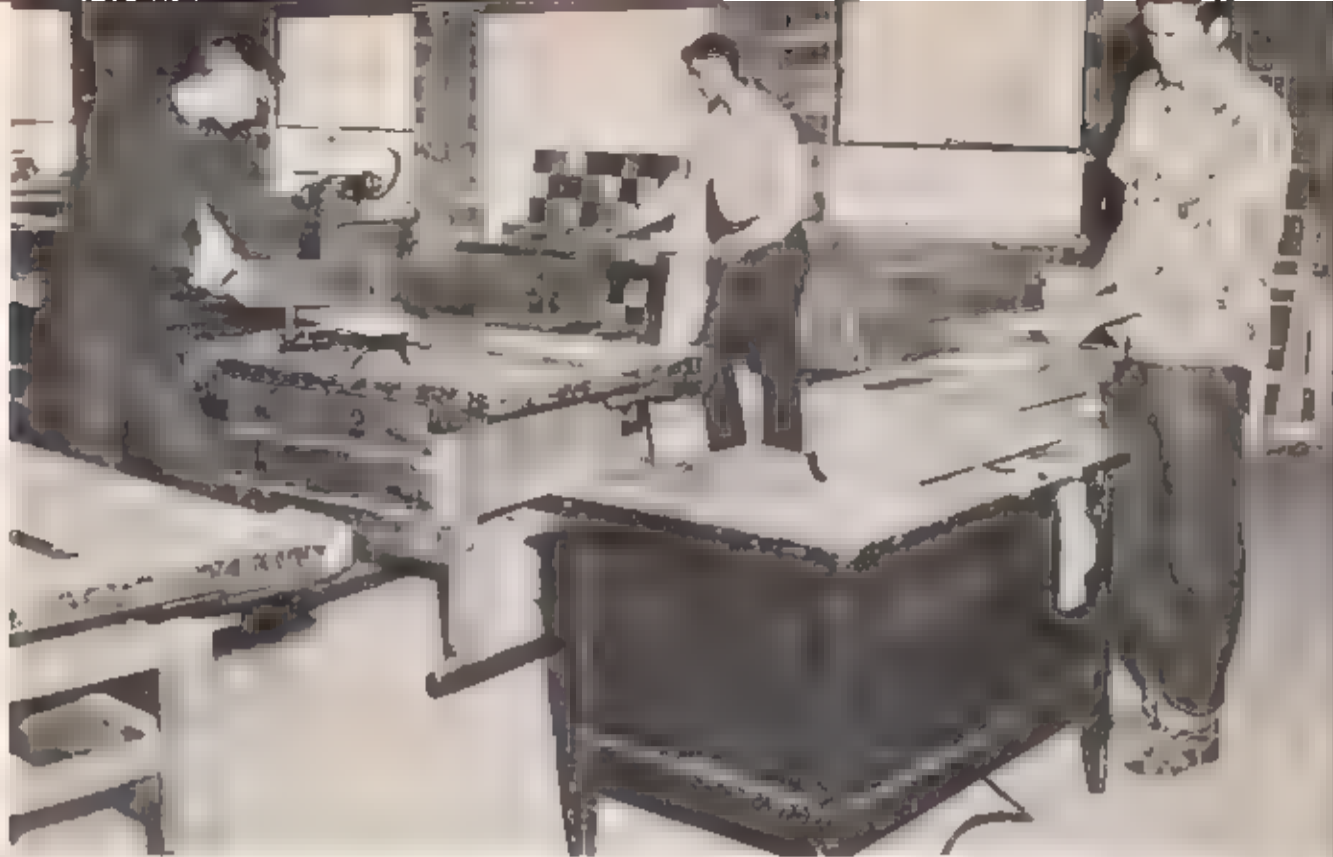
# Industrial Arts



Industrial Arts Classes began their second year in the new building with Wendell Frazell as the instructor for the twenty-three boys enrolled in this course. There were seven in the freshman class, where the work consists of mechanical drawing and learning to use the tools. The seven sophomores, three juniors, and six seniors worked on various projects including such articles as coffee tables, magazine racks, end tables, and cedar chests.



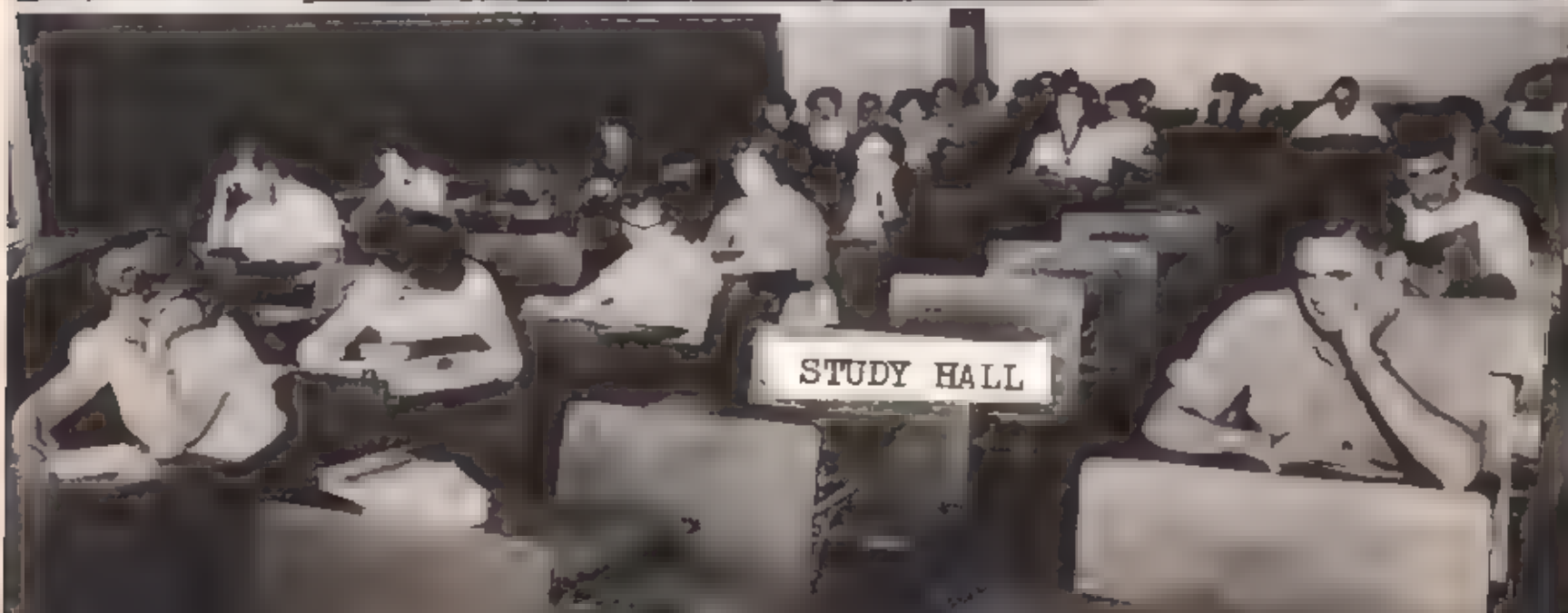
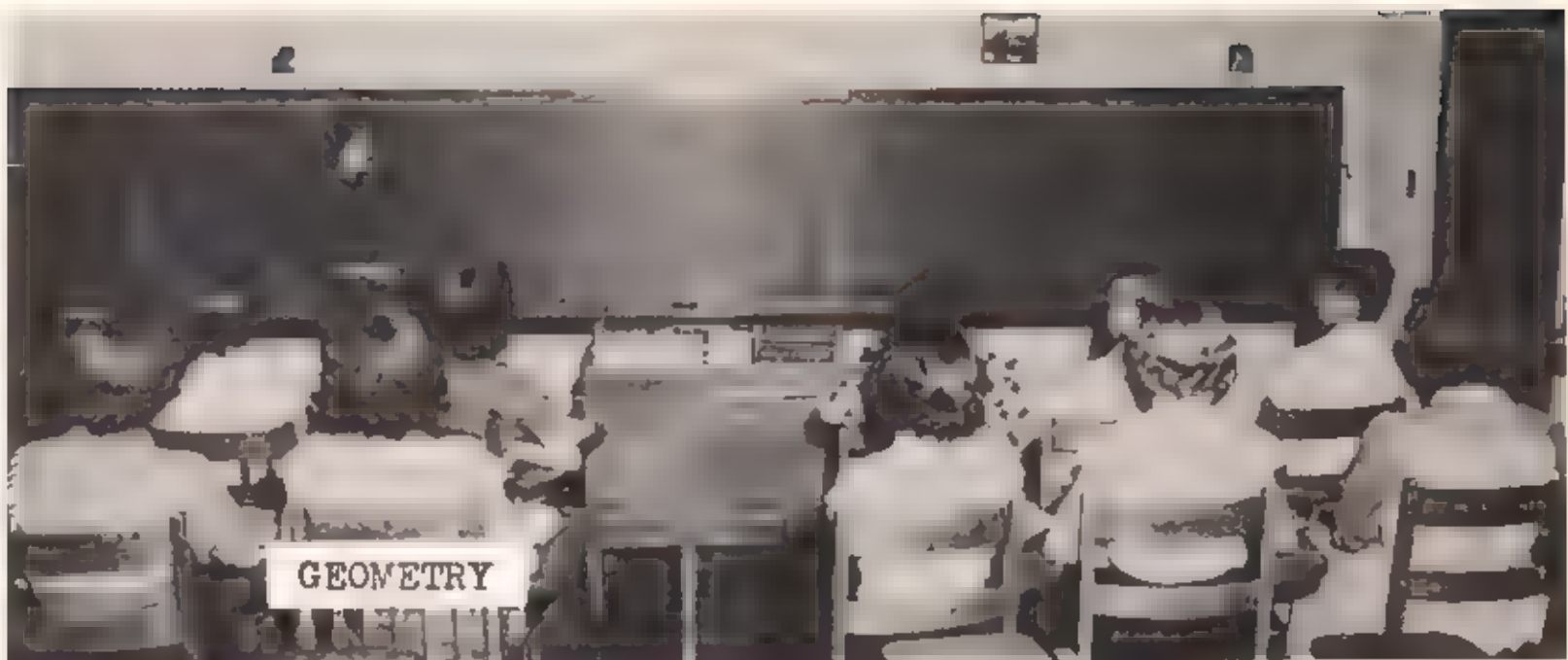
In the pictures-- Bobby Stark is working on his cedar chest ; Raymond Potts is using the wood lathe; Richard Butts, the scroll saw; and Eddie Haughey, the drill press. The vinyl table top is one of Eddie's projects. Dick Perkins and Jack Hewitt are using wood lathes. Below are Jack Miller at the scroll saw, Bob Gowing at the drill press, and Jack Karr using the circular saw.



In the pictures--  
 Bill Pratt is using  
 the miter-box saw;  
 Kenneth McClanahan,  
 the circular saw;  
 and Arnold Daniels,  
 the jointer.  
 Donne Pease and Jerry  
 Boswell are busy work-  
 ing on a cedar chest.  
 Clayton Norton is  
 making use of the  
 miter-box saw.  
 At work on their draw-  
 ing boards are Carl  
 McClanahan, Melvin  
 Cole, Lawrence Lehmer,  
 Key Pinkston, and Bob  
 Sherman, freshmen.



*Classes*





AMERICAN HISTORY



BIOLOGY

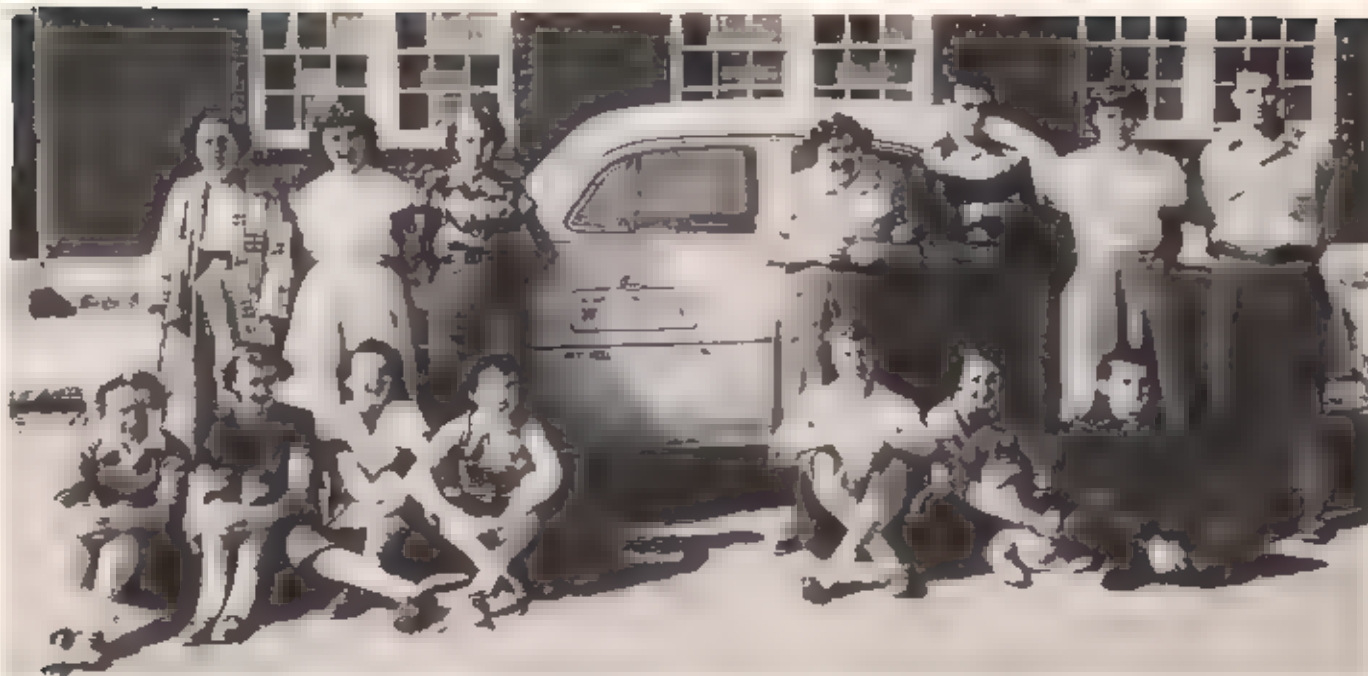


ALGEBRA



GENERAL SCIENCE

Class



Driver Education classes, which are offered each semester under the instruction of Mr. Wendell Frazell, combine actual driving training with class room study to teach proper driving habits. The picture shows the first semester class. Other future drivers took the course the second semester.



Physical Education is required for all freshmen and sophomores. Exercises, games, hikes, and square dances are enjoyed by the students. Classes meet in the gym during the winter but on warm days they prefer the athletic field. Coach Wendell Frazell is the instructor for both classes.





Coach Frazell and Jack McClaskey are talking over strategy for the '52 season.

## *Football*

Wendell Frazell in his first year at L. R. H. S. coached a squad of twenty-eight players, composed of seven seniors, thirteen juniors, six sophomores, and two freshmen. With only a few lettermen returning, the team consisted of much new talent. Letters were awarded to sixteen players during the '52 season. Although the team ranked only fourth in the league, they felt the constant support of the school which kept up the team spirit. Mr. McClaskey and Mr. Lawson assisted Coach Frazell. Mr. Lawson also served as sportscaster of the games.





Potts  
E-154 lbs



Armstrong  
C-140 lbs



Bond  
G-150 lbs



Geiger  
G-160 lbs

D. Surbaugh  
G-169 lbs

Boswell  
T-185 lbs

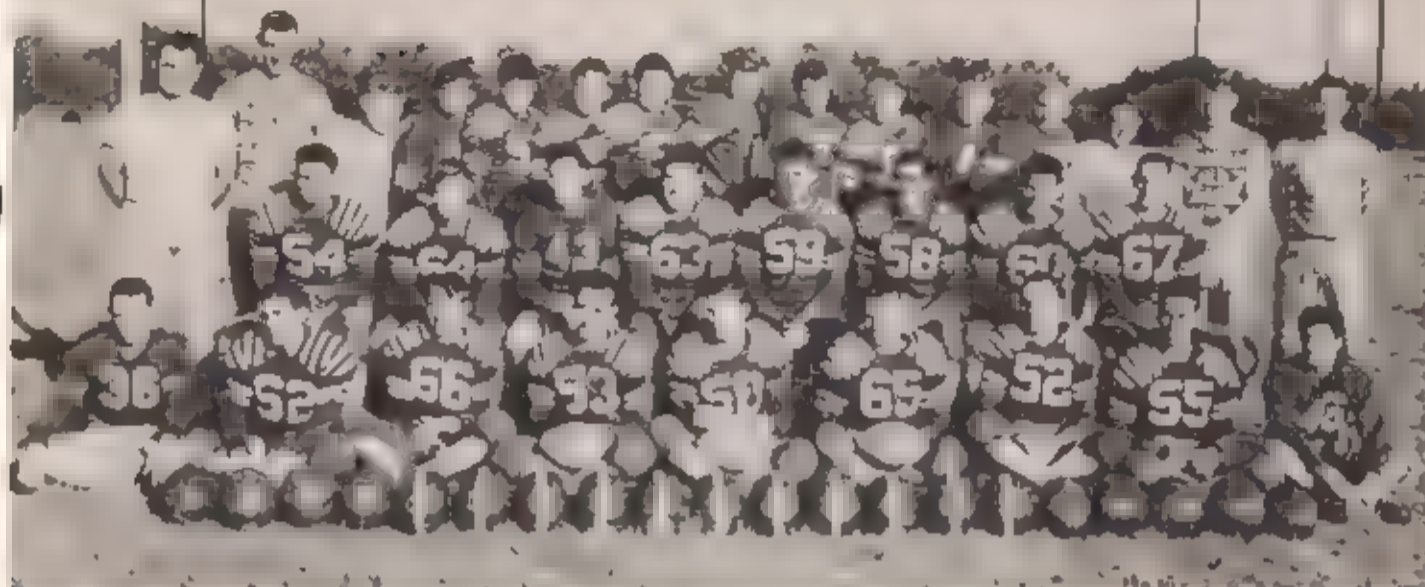
Scott  
QB-152 lbs

O'Brien  
Co-Captain  
T-195 lbs

Stark  
TB-150 lbs

Pease  
QB-150 lbs





Back: Mr. McClaskey, Dick Perkins, John McGinnis, Junior Clay, Gene Bond, Donald Surbaugh, Roy Geiger, Bob Gowing, Willard Stevenin, Roland Surbaugh, Edwin Benson, Jim Shaffer, Dee Seals, Eddie Haughey, Coach Frazell.  
 Center: Lee Armstrong, Raymond Potts, Melvin Arnold, Jack O'Brien, Jerry Boswell, Kenny McClanahan, Arnold Daniels, Duane Tracy.  
 Front: Donald Hays, Gerald Stoker, Melvyn Scott, Ronald Hays, Bob Stark. Jackie Hewitt, Donne Pease, Dale Gomerdinger, Larry White.

#### League

Blue Mound	20	LaCygne	6
Pleasanton	6	LaCygne	13
Parker	14	LaCygne	13
Mound City	25	LaCygne	6

#### Non-League

Springhill	7	LaCygne	6
Bronson	7	LaCygne	0
Uniontown	7	LaCygne	34
Louisburg	13	LaCygne	7



McClanahan  
E-155 lbs



Daniels  
E-160 lbs

Hewitt  
Co-Captain  
WB-165 lbs

R. Hays  
FB-144 lbs

R. Surbaugh  
G-138 lbs

Stoker  
WB-145 lbs

Gomerdinger  
C-132 lbs

Tracy  
T.-165 lbs

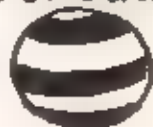


# Basketball



Front: Donald Stainbrook, Bill Ross, Roland Surbaugh, Robert McGee, Larry White, Carl McClanahan. Center Donald Hays, Bobby Stark, Bobby Gowing, Jerry Boswell, Ronald Hays, Gerald Stoker. Back: Melvyn Scott, Dick Perkins, Melvin Arnold, Jack O'Brien, Kenney McClanahan, Donne Pease, Coach Frazell.

## Schedule



### A TEAM

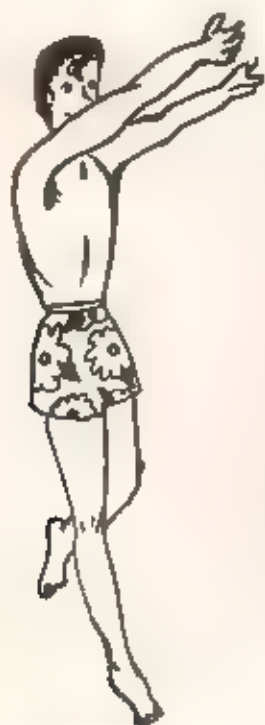
#### La Cygne

Mound City-50	43
Blue Mound-32	30
Louisburg--53	41
Pleasanton-46	29
Prescott---30	34
Parker-----37	48
Mound City-51	41
Blue Mound-50	41
Parker-----36	38
Pleasanton-30	28
Prescott---46	47
Miami-----58	33
Louisburg--37	43
Prescott---42	36
Greeley----56	39

### B TEAM

#### La Cygne

Mound City-14	21
Blue Mound-25	26
Louisburg--43	15
Pleasanton-31	18
Prescott---25	33
Parker-----18	31
Mound City-11	39
Blue Mound-39	44
Parker-----33	40
Pleasanton-34	32
Prescott---41	43
Miami-----37	41
Louisburg--42	38







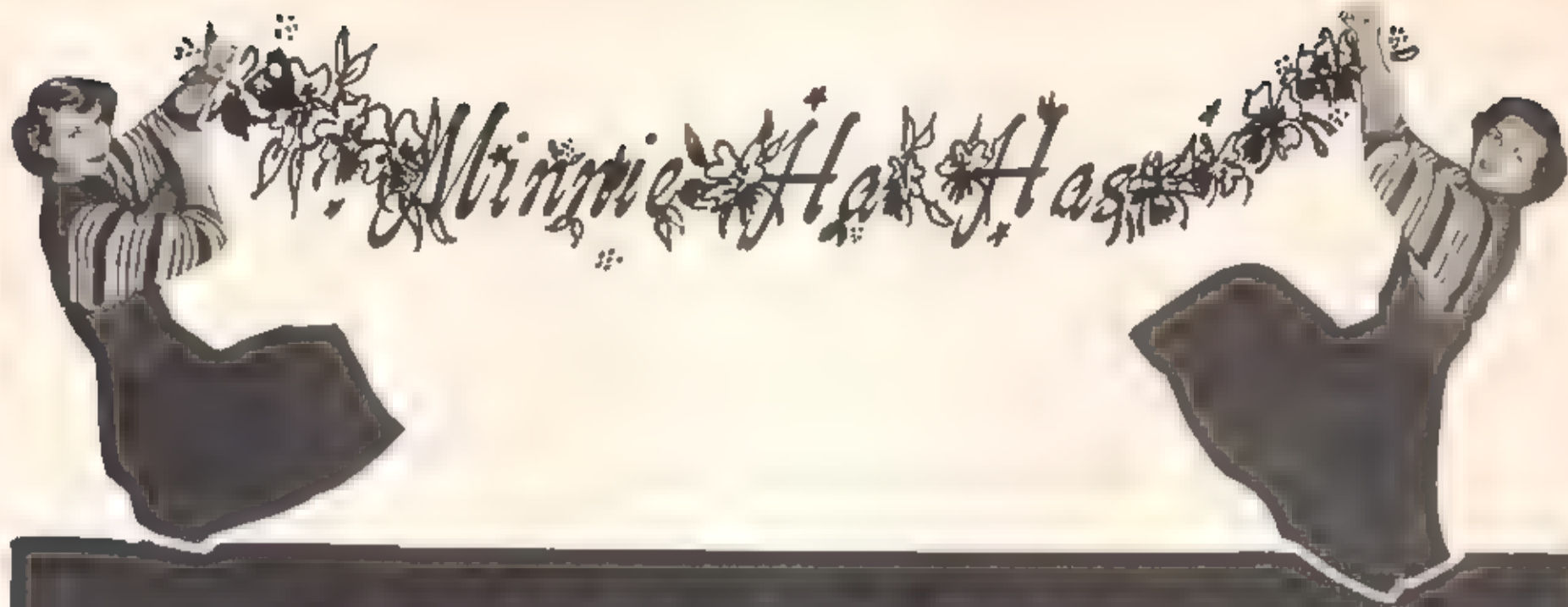
## King Queen

Jack O'Brien Marilyn Frank

### ATTENDANTS

Susie Norton Karen Boswell  
Donne Pease Gene Bond  
Eva May Reece  
Melvin Cole





The pep club girls in their blue jackets and red skirts were a colorful group seen and heard at every game of football and basketball. A school bus provided transportation to all out of town games. The four cheerleaders had a perfect attendance record, as did many of the members.

Doris June Bond was elected president, Sue La Master, vice-president, and Lois Blessman, secretary. Jeannie Twogood, marshall, kept the attendance records, and Avalee Purvis served as treasurer. The cheerleaders this year were Virginia Hewitt, Rosie Arzberger (shown at the top of the page), and Nadine Pease and Susie Norton (shown below).

A chili supper was given for the football squad and Coach Frazell at the close of the season. Party games and dancing followed the program.





# Dramatics

Directed  
by  
Mrs. Viva Roberts

## "Hinders Creepers"

Junior Class Play

Wilbur Maxwell, thirteen, full of life  
-----Donald Hays  
Hercules Nelson, Wilbur's bosom pal  
-----Junior Clay  
Celeste, the object of Wilbur's  
affection-----Carolyn Wilhoit  
Nina Quigley, the bright spot in  
Hercules' eye-----Marilyn Stainbrook  
Frankie, Celeste's lively little sister  
-----Susie Norton  
Aunt Mary, Hercules' understanding aunt  
-----Jeannie Twogood  
Uncle Bob, Hercules' jovial uncle  
-----Donne Pease  
Granny, Uncle Bob's hep-cat grandmother  
-----Glenna Bartles  
Mr. Quigley, also quite a hep-cat  
-----Sidney Bullock  
Dr. Brown, with a cordial disposition  
-----Ronald Hays  
Madeline, Mr. Quigley's austere sister  
-----Virginia Thomas  
Harry Schuster, lawyer, friend of  
Madeline-----Melvyn Scott  
Daphne, the quiet, old-fashioned maid  
-----Beulah Massey  
Claude, the talkative caretaker  
-----Merle Beckman  
Helper-----Leonard Burbank

## Musical Specialties

Directed by Mrs. Lois Irwin

German Band-----F. H. A. Girls  
Sue LaMaster Christina Sullivan  
Sue Ross Carolyn Wilhoit  
Willie Dean Kerns

"My Man"--Vocal Solo--Christina Sullivan

Song: "Buttons and Bows"-----  
Ruth Royer Karen Boswell  
Marilyn Scott Willa Dean Kerns  
Nadine Pease

Song: "I'm Going Back To Where I Came  
From"

Jerry Boswell Robert Gowing  
James Karr Clayton Norton

Quartet: "Basin Street Blues"  
"Carolina Moon"  
Avalie Purvis Carolyn Wilhoit  
Martha Irwin Susan Ross

Square Dance-----  
Alice Sherman Kenneth Mooney  
Mary Ann White Gene Bond  
Rozella Arzberger Jack Miller  
Jean Bigham Jerry Boswell

## One-Act Plays

### "WHITE TABLECLOTHS" (A Drama)

Hiram Brown, a farmer----Donald Surbaugh  
Emma Brown, his wife-----Alice Sherman  
Mattie, their daughter---Virginia Hewitt  
Lem Blodgett, son of a neighbor  
-----Larry White

### "ALMOST SEVENTEEN" (A Comedy)

Ralph Ennis, just seventeen today  
-----Thurman Miller  
Mary Ennis, his understanding mother,  
-----Dorcas McClanahan  
Joe Ennis, his father-----Kay Pinkston  
Peggy, his teasing little sister,  
-----Delores Mosler

### "A MAD BREAKFAST" (A Farce)

Mrs. Simpkins, the landlady  
-----Eva May Reece  
Lizzie, maid of all work  
-----Virginia Eversole  
Miss Brown, young lady boarder  
-----Pearl Rhynerson  
Miss Smith, another boarder  
-----Shirley Harold  
Miss Green, also a boarder and an artist  
-----Arlene Culter  
Mrs. Hill, a boarder who has nerves  
-----Deanna Stark  
Mr. Hill, who goes in for spiritualism  
-----Lawrence Lehmer  
Mr. Roberts, a boarder with an appetite  
-----Loren Miller  
Mr. Jones, given to practical joking  
-----Bill Ross  
Mr. Long, of an enquiring turn of mind  
-----Carl McClanahan

# Calendar



- 1- School begins
- 5- Class Organization
- 12- All-school picnic
- 16- Broke seniors! Rings arrive today
- 18- Cheerleaders chosen
- 19- Indians lost to Spring Hill
- 26- Bronson wins over La Cygne



- 2- Seniors donate the Snack Shack
- 2- Indians scalp Union-town here
- 7- Smile please! Senior pictures
- 8- Group and individual pictures today
- 10- First league game with Blue Mound
- 11- Band to K.S.T.C. Homecoming
- 14- National F.F.A. Convention at Kansas City, Kansas
- 15- F.H.A. - F.F.A. enjoy picnic
- 17- Indians beat Blue Jays at Pleasanton Homecoming
- 18- F.H.A. District meeting at K.C.
- 20- Voc. Ag. seniors to American Royal
- 21- Student Council to Lawrence
- 24- Senior's Jack and Marilyn crowned at Homecoming game
- 28- O.B.E. organized



- 6&7- State Teachers Convention
- 11- Magazine sales end-total-\$857.93
- 12- Safety Films shown
- 14- Indians lose to the Mound City Eagles
- 20- Chile supper for the football boys
- 26- The Thanksgiving assembly presented
- 27- Thanksgiving vacation begins



- 4- Junior play success
- 5- First B.B. game at Mound City
- 11- F.F.A. Parent-Son Banquet
- 16- Eagles win over La-Cygne
- 19- Christmas party "Childe Jesus"
- 23- Christmas Party
- 24- Christmas vacation begins



- 5- School begins again
- 6- Pleasanton Blue jays beat Indians
- 9- Indians scalp Prescott Hornets
- 13- La Cygne wins over Parker Panthers
- 16- Indians lost to the Mound City Eagles
- 20- Blue Mound Bulldogs defeat Indians
- 23- Indians win over the Parker Panthers
- Mr. Rose's pictures of Europe
- 29- Mr. James Mosley's travel pictures
- 30- Lose close game to Pleasanton
- Mrs. Ibsen's health lecture



- 3- Win by one point over Prescott
- 6- One Act Plays are a success
- 10- Indians lost to the Miami squad
- 13- La Cygne defeats Louisburg Wildcats
- 18- Indians lose in Linn Co. Tourney
- 21- F.H.A. delegates to Topeka



here

- 3- Indians lose to the Greeley squad in Class B Tournament
- 4,5,6,- Inter-class Tournament
- 14- State degrees awarded at Topeka
- 20- League Vocal Music Festival here
- 27- League Band Festival



- 10- District Music Festival at Pittsburg
- 11- Solist's journey to Pittsburg again
- 23- Senior play "The Cannibal Queen"
- 24- Linn Co Track Meet
- 25- Regional Music Festival at Emporia



- 8- Junior-Senior Banquet
- 12- Style Review given
- 14- Senior assembly
- 15- Senior Sneak Day
- 17- Baccalaureate
- 20- Commencement
- 28- Alumni Banquet





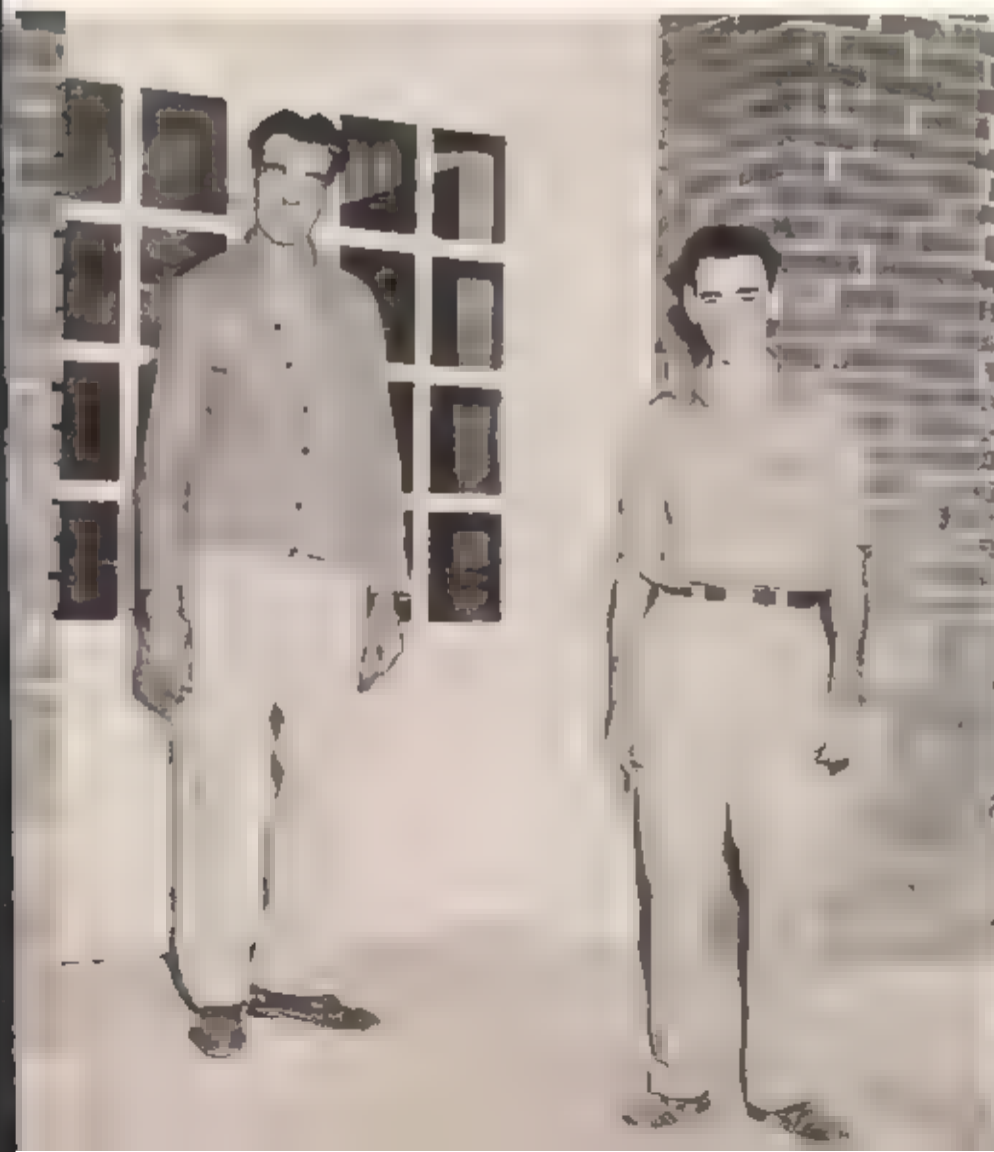
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The bus drivers, cafeteria staff, and the custodians form an important part of the school organization.

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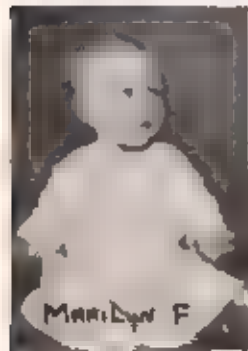
Mrs. Elmon Jackson and Mrs. Wallace Cudney prepared hot lunches which were served to an average of 150 students each day.

Mr. Frederick Irwin and his father, Mr. H. F. Irwin, kept the four buildings clean and in order. Their extra work to help with lighting and stage effects for plays, assemblies, and parties was always appreciated.





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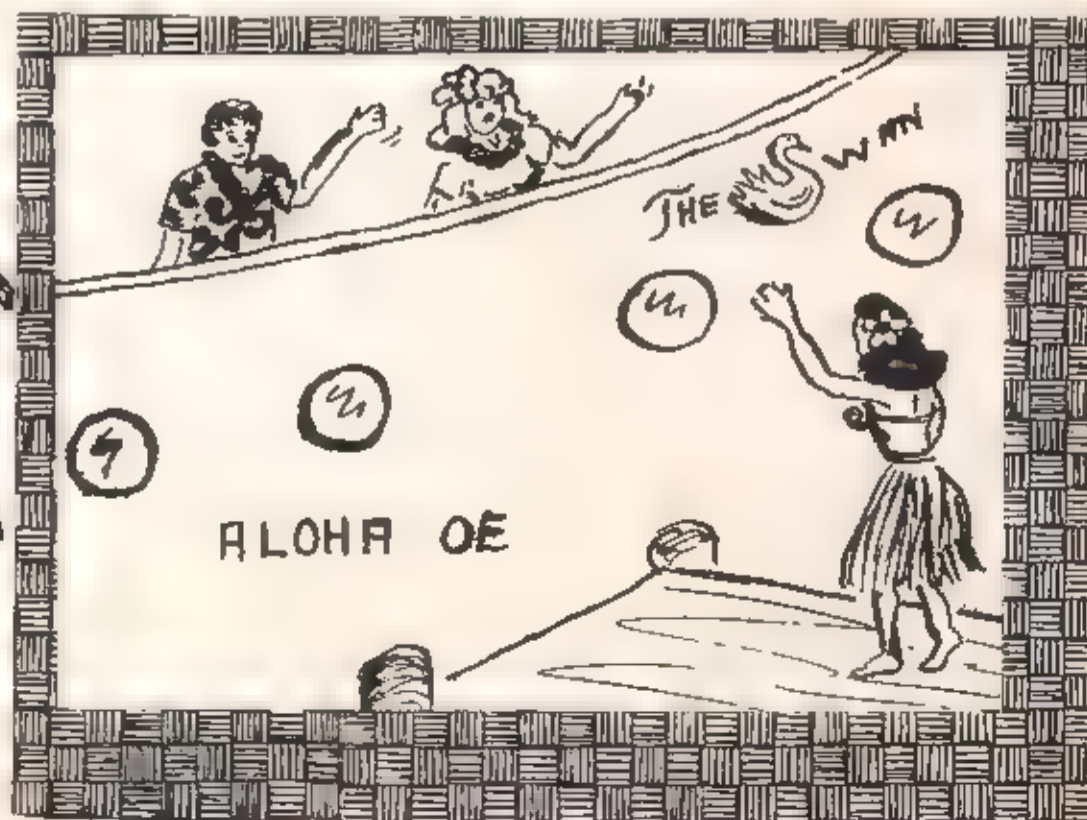
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